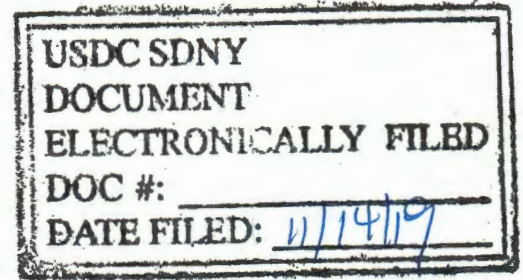


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

United States of America

v.

Lessage Jean Baptiste,
Defendant.



15 Cr. 854 (SHS)

Order re: Attorney-Client Privilege Waiver (Informed Consent)

WHEREAS Defendant Lessage Jean Baptiste has moved for his guilty plea to be vacated on the ground of ineffective assistance of counsel; and

WHEREAS the Government, after reviewing the motion papers, has concluded that the testimony of Petitioner's former counsel, Matthew Meyers, Esq. ("Counsel"), will be needed in order to allow the Government to respond to certain aspects of the motion; and

WHEREAS the Court, after reviewing the motion papers, is satisfied that the testimony of Counsel is needed in order to allow the Government to respond to the motion; and

WHEREAS by making the motion, the movant has waived the attorney-client privilege as a matter of law; and

WHEREAS the Court is cognizant that, absent court order or informed consent, ethical concerns may inhibit Counsel from disclosing confidential information relating to a prior client even in the absence of a privilege, *see, e.g.*, ABA Standing Comm. on Ethics and Prof. Responsibility Formal Op. 10-456 (July 14, 2010), *Disclosure of Information to Prosecutor When Lawyer's Former Client Brings Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Claim*,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Counsel shall give sworn testimony, in the form of an affidavit or affirmation, addressing the allegations of ineffective assistance of counsel made by movant; and it is further

ORDERED that Defendant Lessage Jean Baptiste execute and return to this court within 30 days from today's date the accompanying "Attorney-Client Privilege Waiver (Informed Consent)" form. *this current attorney is directed to assist him in that regard* If the document is not received by the court within 30 days from today's date, the court will deny the defendant's motion, on the ground that the movant failed to authorize the disclosure of information needed to permit the Government to respond to the motion; and it is further

ORDERED that the Government shall be permitted an additional 14 days from the receipt of said executed "Attorney-Client Privilege Waiver (Informed Consent)" form to obtain sworn testimony from Counsel and file its opposition and any additional supporting papers with this Court.

Dated: New York, New York
November 14, 2019



HONORABLE SIDNEY H. STEIN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE